National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)

NEPA PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAM



- •Develop the purpose and need for the project
- Inventory issues that affect project options
- . Define the study area

STEP 2 - IDENTIFY ALTERNATIVES

- Perform preliminary field studies
- Document community concerns
- Select alternatives for detailed study

STEP 3 - CONDUCT DETAILED STUDIES

- Ecological Assessment
- Cultural Resources (Historic Architecture and Archaeology) Surveys
- Air and Noise Impact Assessments
- Community Impact Assessment

STEP 4 - PREPARE NEPA DOCUMENT -ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- Draft Environmental Assessment must be approved by GDOT and FHWA
- Publish Draft EA for public availability

STEP 5 - HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING •Obtain public review and comment on the proposal and the information in the Draft EA

STEP 6 - SELECT THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

Update any special studies if necessary

STEP 7 - PREPARE A FINAL

- Prepare Final EA/Finding of No Significant Impact (anticipated)
- •Final document must be approved by GDOT and FHWA
- Once approved, the project can move forward to next project phase